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24 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inspector General's Survey of the Office of Medical Services

I met with Mr. Bannerman and [] this date to provide an interim report of our Office's progress in regard the Inspector General's Survey. Each recommendation was covered and I advised [] that I would ask [] to get in touch with him to be sure all details of our progress are clear. In general, the following observations pertain.

Recommendations No. 1 and 2:

It was understood that the funds and the slot are required in order to move forward. A memorandum advising as to the need for a slot is in the DD/S' office as well as a request for funds.

Recommendation No. 3:

It was understood that actions are well along to implement the three parts of this recommendation.

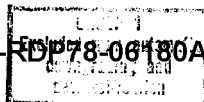
Recommendation No. 4:

It was understood that Panel C is reviewing the current assignments of medical technicians and accommodating those who wish other assignments whenever possible. Mr. Bannerman was advised that our Chief Technician, [] is being reassigned to an overseas post consistent with this recommendation.

Recommendation No. 5:

The Deputy Director for Support was advised in accordance with the information contained in the memorandum of 18 October 1968 prepared by the Executive Officer, OMS on the status of OMS actions (Attachment 1). Mr. Bannerman listened to the report but stated that, in his opinion, whenever the present incumbents of these positions were to change, we should fill the vacancy with a professional from the Support Offices. This advice was discussed and I again emphasized the advantage of our current assignment policy. It was finally agreed that, whenever a vacancy occurs in these positions, the entire situation would be reviewed with Mr. Bannerman to determine the best procedure for new appointments.

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Recommendation No. 6:

Reference was made to the staffing action as contained in the memorandum from C/SPC dated 22 October 1968 (Attachment 1). It was understood that the resulting function conformed to the Inspector General's recommendation and that our office was prepared to implement the coordinated activity. It was also understood that ongoing deliberations regarding Mission and Function might result in the Selection Processing activity receiving a different designation than that as originally recommended.

Recommendation No. 7a:

It was understood that, if an OMS position were required at the moment, I would tend to nonconcur in this recommendation. I advised that our mission and function considerations have not supported an alignment of the Psychiatric Staff and Clinical Division together. I stated that the shape of the OMS organization might be ready as a recommendation by 1 December but, more likely, at a later date. Mr. Bannerman accepted this position.

Recommendation No. 7b:

I indicated that some sort of Special Assistant activity was necessary on behalf of my office and that [] was being very helpful in this regard at this time. Mr. Bannerman agreed with this action.

Recommendation No. 8:

The DD/S was advised that an interim reporting mechanism was being established which would be referred to him for his approval.

Recommendation No. 9:

An interim report has already been prepared and forwarded through the DD/S to the Executive Director.

Recommendation No. 10:

The DD/S was advised that processing time has decreased to thirty (30) days and promises to become less.

Recommendation No. 11:

The DD/S was advised that our office has met with representatives of the Offices of Personnel and Security and that there are ongoing serious considerations as to how all offices may improve communications.

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Recommendation No. 12:

It was understood that this recommendation may be implemented at any time by publication of an amendment to the basic regulatory issuance or through revision of the basic regulation itself.

Recommendation No. 13:

The DD/S was advised that action is ongoing to update the current system.

Recommendation No. 14a:

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Recommendation No. 14b:

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Recommendation No. 15a:

This recommendation was satisfied by 14a.

Recommendation No. 15b:

It was understood that the title of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff may change as recommended but considerations are ongoing for other titles also.

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